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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, ABLD, AFSP
SUBJ: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

1. THE PREVIOUS AND CURRENT RSO'S HAVE RECOMMENDED STEEL SHUTTERS BE INSTALLED ON THE THREE RESIDENCES LOCATED AT THE AMCONGEN ASMARA. COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE SET FORTH BELOW. THE PROJECT IS RATHER COSTLY AND SPECIAL TERRORIST FUNDING IS REQUESTED. THE EXPENDITURE IS FELT TO BE JUSTIFIED BASED ON THE PAST HISTORY OF VIOLENCE IN ASMARA (WHERE MSG'S QUALIFY FOR HOSTILE FIRE PAY), AND THE CURRENT SECURITY SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA, ESPECIALLY ERITREA. ALTHOUGH THE CONGEN COMPOUND HAS TO THIS POINT NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY TARGETED, IT HAS ON MANY OCCASIONS RECEIVED WEAPONS FIRE, INCLUDING ONE OCCASION WHEN TWO RPG ROUNDS EXPLODED OUTSIDE CONGEN BEDROOM. ROOM WAS BEING UTILIZED BY VISITING DCM WHO, AT THE TIME, FORTUNATELY WAS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE BUILDING. RECENT BOMBINGS TOOK PLACE WITHIN 1KM OF COMPOUND. FIREFIGHTS BETWEEN INSURGENTS AND GOVT TROOPS ARE NOT UNCOMMON THROUGHOUT THE CITY. SHUTTERS WOULD NOT BOMB-PROOF OR BULLETPROOF BUILDINGS, BUT WOULD ADD SUBSTANTIAL PROTECTION FOR OCCUPANTS. THIS INCREASE IN PROTECTION FELT TO BE NECESSITY IN VIEW OF ABOVE AND INCREASING INSURGENT SUCCESSES IN OUTLYING AREAS, COUPLED WITH INSURGENT CLAIMS AND APPARENT PLANS FOR LARG-SCALE PUSH TO "LIBERATE"

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ERITREA WITHIN SIX MONTHS. WITH THIS IN MIND, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS PROJECT BE GIVEN EARLY AND FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

MATERIAL: 3MM STEEL SHEETING

COST OF FABRICATION: ETH. BIRR 15,720 (US\$ 7,652)

COST OF INSTALLATION TO INCLUDE REINFORCING BUILDING WHERE
NECESSARY: ETH BIRR 3,910 (US\$1,903)

TOTAL ETH BIRR 19,630 (US\$9,555)
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